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MR. BROOKS:

Welcome once again to MEET THE PRESS. Our guest is the Ambassador of the Soviet Union, Mr. Mikhail Menshikov. Since coming to the United States four months ago, he has introduced a new approach to Russian diplomacy. He has had many visits with top officials in the Administration and with leaders of Congress. He frequently has appeared before the public in person and on television and radio. In this direct approach, he has persistently pleaded the cause of peaceful coexistence. Ambassador Menshikov was educated as an economist. He is regarded as one of Russia's leading experts on foreign trade. He served in 1949 as Minister of Foreign Trade; then, as a member of the Council of Ministers, he devoted himself to matters of trade cooperation with other countries. He was stationed for four years as Ambassador to India. Ambassador Menshikov now serves in Washington at a time of important negotiations - the Summit Conference, the proposed suspension of the testing of nuclear weapons, and most recently, Russia's bid for expanding trade relations. Now seated around the press table ready to interview our guest are: John Hightower of the